

(Warren, OH)- Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) praised the recent announcement that the West Warren Industrial Partnership (WWIP), a public-private economic development partnership, is set to install a wind-testing tower in a targeted growth area of the city. The meteorology tower – known as a MET tower and smaller than a full-blown wind turbine tower—will test wind velocities for a full year. If the results show that a turbine tower is feasible, plans would be made to construct an energy-generating tower.

“This project brings together environmental awareness, neighborhood revitalization and business development,” said Congressman Ryan. **“Green energy is the future of our country and can create jobs to turn around the economy - I look forward to seeing similar projects commence in our region.”**

The hope is a wind-power installation would provide clean energy to businesses near the tower and encourage other “green energy” projects in the Mahoning Valley.

WWIP is one of three entities (the other two being the cities of Greenfield and Solon) to successfully attain grants in a competitive process through the Ohio Anemometer Program (ALP). The total cost of the MET tower and following study is expected to be between \$55,000 and \$60,000. To qualify for the grant, WWIP had to secure \$7,500 in matching funds.

Construction of the test tower will begin on January 17th, with an expected completion date on January 19th.

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